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TELEPHONE CALL TO AMB. DE MURVILLE

The Sec. said there is a ticker report that Ely has recognized Vy as Commander-in-Chief of the Army. The Amb. said he has not heard anything about it. The Sec. said he hopes it is not true as if, in the middle of this battle when it looks as if the forces of law and order are gaining the ascendancy, the army is taken away from the head of government, it will look as though Bao Dai and the French are really supporting Binh Xuyen, and not the legal government. If that impression got around, the Sec. would think it was hopeless to expect further backing from the US. The Sec. asked him to find out if it is true, and the Amb. said he would right away.

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